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## IN THE CLAIMS

### Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A seat belt device comprising:
  - a shoulder belt portion for restraining the front portion of the upper half of the body of a passenger seated in an associated seat, the shoulder belt portion extending generally diagonally across the upper half of the body of the passenger;
  - a lap belt portion that in use has a length sufficient to extend across the thighs of the passenger for restraining the thighs of the passenger, and wherein in use the lap belt portion is disposed above the thighs of the passenger from one end of the lap belt to an opposite end thereof; and
  - a thigh belt portion that has a length sufficient to extend which extends across a seat cushion of the associated seat so as to be disposed under the thighs of the passenger between the thighs and an upper surface of the seat cushion in use, and which is provided for restraining the thighs of the passenger together with the lap belt portion.
2. (Original) A seat belt device according to claim 1, further comprising:
  - an outer through anchor which is disposed at an outer position with respect to the associated seat, and through which the lap belt portion runs; and
  - an inner anchor which is disposed at an inner position with respect to the associated seat, wherein
    - an end of the thigh belt portion continues to the lap belt portion at the outer through anchor, and the other end of the thigh belt portion is fixed to the inner anchor.
3. (Original) A seat belt device according to claim 1, further comprising:
  - a bar-shaped outer anchor which is disposed at an outer position of the associated seat while having a first end to which a distal end of the lap belt portion is

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connected and a second end to which a proximal end of the thigh belt portion is connected, the outer anchor being supported at a substantially middle portion thereof so as to be rotatable in the vertical direction;

an inner anchor which is disposed at an inner position with respect to the associated seat, and to which the other end of the thigh belt portion is fixed; and

an actuator associated with the outer anchor for rotating the outer anchor so that the thighs of the passenger are sandwiched and held between the lap belt portion and the thigh belt portion.

4. (Original) A seat belt device according to claim 3, wherein the actuator is adapted to raise the second end of the outer anchor upon detection of an object.

5. (Original) A seat belt device according to claim 1, further comprising:

a pre-tensioner which is disposed at an inner position or at an outer position with respect to the associated seat, and to which an end of the thigh belt portion is connected.

6. (Original) A seat belt device according to claim 5, wherein the pre-tensioner is adapted to wind the thigh belt portion upon detection of an impact.

7. (New) A seat belt device according to claim 1, wherein the shoulder belt portion is integrally connected to the lap belt portion, and further comprising a self-guiding tongue plate at the juncture between the shoulder belt portion and the lap belt portion.

8. (New) A seat belt device comprising:

a shoulder belt portion for restraining the front portion of the upper half of the body of a passenger seated in an associated seat;

a lap belt portion for restraining the thighs of the passenger;

a thigh belt portion which extends across a seat cushion of the associated seat so as to be disposed under the thighs of the passenger in use, and which is provided for restraining the thighs of the passenger together with the lap belt portion;

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a bar-shaped outer anchor which is disposed at an outer position of the associated seat while having a first end to which a distal end of the lap belt portion is connected and a second end to which a proximal end of the thigh belt portion is connected, the outer anchor being supported at a substantially middle portion thereof so as to be rotatable in the vertical direction;

an inner anchor which is disposed at an inner position with respect to the associated seat, and to which the other end of the thigh belt portion is fixed; and

an actuator associated with the outer anchor for rotating the outer anchor so that the thighs of the passenger are sandwiched and held between the lap belt portion and the thigh belt portion.

9. (New) A seat belt device according to claim 8, wherein the actuator is adapted to raise the second end of the outer anchor upon detection of an object.